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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

APPLICANTS : V. SCHREINER ET AL.
SERIAL NO. : 09/701,710
FILED : DECEMBER 1, 2000
FOR : COSMETIC OR DERMATOLOGIC PREPARATIONS CONTAINING
CATECHINS OR GREEN TEA EXTRACT
ART UNIT : 1619
EXAMINER : Alysia Berman

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Hon. Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR § 1.114

SIR:

In response to the Office Action dated 9 October 2002 please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please substitute claims 5-12 with amended claims 5-12:

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5. A method selected from the group consisting of treatment and/or care of dry skin; increasing the synthesis rate of ceramides in human skin; stimulating sphingolipid synthesis; strengthening the lipid barrier of the human skin and combinations thereof for a human in need thereof which comprises applying to the skin of the human a therapeutically effective amount of a composition comprising of 0.001-10% by weight of a catechin, a gallic ester of a catechin, or mixtures thereof, based on the total weight of the composition.
 6. The method of Claim 5, wherein the catechin or gallic ester of a catechin are selected from the group consisting of (-)-catechin, (+)-catechin, (-)-catechin gallate, (-)-gallocatechin gallate, (+)-epicatechin, (-)-epicatechin, (-)-epicatechin gallate, (-)-epigallocatechin, and (-)-epigallocatechin gallate.

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